Upper Mississippi River Restoration Strategic Plan 2015 - 2025

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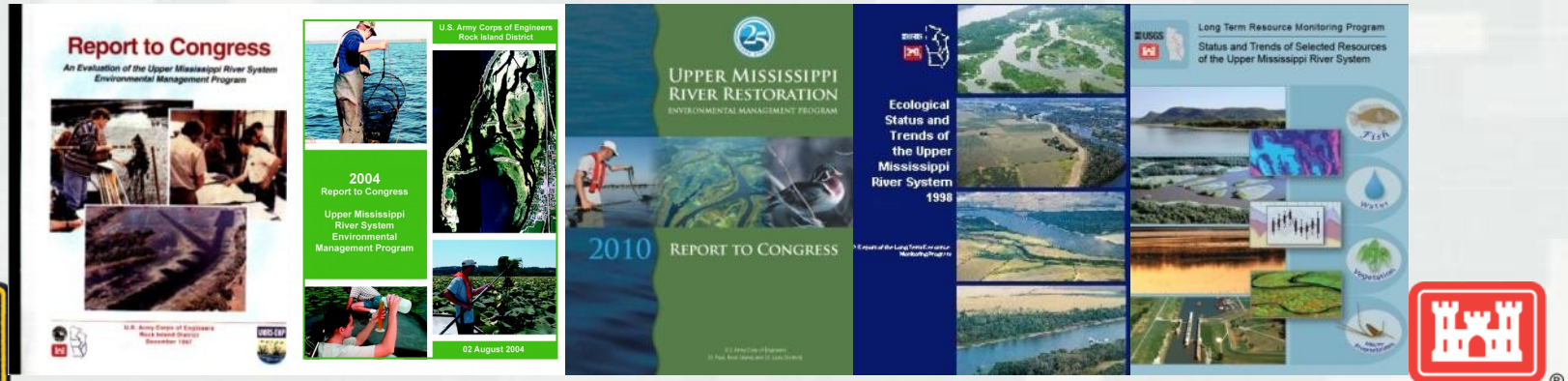
The Basis for the UMRR Strategic Plan

- Applies to entire UMRR Program
  - ► Only developed strategic plans for the LTRM element in the past.
- More closely links HREPs and LTRMP
- Clearly links recommendations from previous documents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Strategic Plan Development

- A series of meetings held during 2013 – 2014
- Identified key issue areas with champions assigned
- Development of draft vision, mission, assumptions, guiding principles, and goals (objectives & strategies)
- Aug 2014 UMRR EMP-CC approved the draft for broader stakeholder review
- Broad stakeholder/public review ended 30 Sept 2014

Program Vision

A ***HEALTHIER*** AND ***MORE RESILIENT***
UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER
ECOSYSTEM THAT SUSTAINS THE
RIVER'S MULTIPLE USERS

Strategic Plan (17 July 2014 Draft)

Program Mission

- To work within a partnership
- To construct high-performing habitat projects
- To produce state-of-art knowledge
- To engage other organizations

Goals

1. **Enhance habitat** for restoring and maintaining a healthier and more resilient UMR ecosystem
2. **Advance knowledge** for restoring and maintaining a healthier and more resilient UMR ecosystem
3. **Engage and collaborate** with other organizations and individuals to help accomplish the UMRR vision
4. Utilize a strong, integrated **partnership** to accomplish the UMRR vision

So what does this mean?

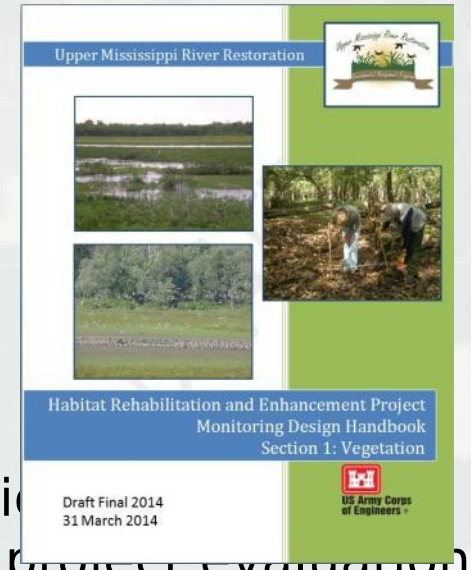
Anticipated Changes for ALL Partners

- Refer to this Program as UMRR with a habitat restoration element and research element.
- Greater emphasis on measuring and reporting progress to HQ and OMB.

Anticipated Changes for Corps

Project Monitoring:

- Greater access to data & scientists
- Increased involvement post-construction
- Standardized techniques
- Centralized database



Habitat Projects:

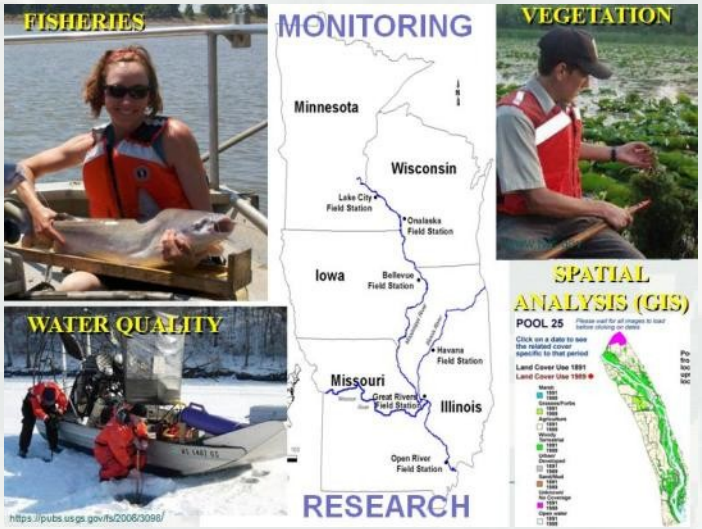
- More focus on river health & resilience
- Increased use of projects to test science questi
- Greater linkage for models used in planning & project evaluation

Research:

- More focus on restoration & management needs

Anticipated Changes for UMESC and Field Stations

- Increased use of projects to test science questions
- Future research will be more focused on restoration and management needs
- Increased involvement with Project Delivery Teams during project planning.



Next Steps

- November 2014 UMRR-EMP-CC revised draft presented and considered for endorsement
- Operational Plan will be the a
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